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TOPIC Soviet Troops in Leipzig Area

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1. Eight hundred troops were estimated to be in the Flak Kaserne, Leipzig (N 52/E 21)-Heiterblick, between 6 and 10 August 1950. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, some with tank insignia. It was believed that only one tank unit with medium and heavy tanks was stationed in the billeting area. The roof of the garage in the eastern section of the installation was being elevated 1½ to 2 meters and the damaged part of the building was being reconstructed.

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2. Between 6 and 10 August 1950 the Flak Kaserne, Schoenau, housed 300 to 400 troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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3. Soldiers in the Hindenburg Kaserne wore black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia.

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5. The barracks installation on Viertelsweg was still occupied by about 800 troops who wore red-bordered green epaulets. The barracks seemed to house a battalion headquarters

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6. Two SP guns and one JS tank were loaded on a train at the Taucha railroad station on 22 July 1950.

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on the sides of the SP guns. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] The loading was supervised by two high-ranking officers [REDACTED] Two SP guns and the tank which had been loaded on 22 July 1950 returned to the post on 12 August 1950. ***

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7. Three JS tanks and six SP guns were seen in the area of the Heiterblick Kaserne on 12 August 1950. More tanks were stored in a garage. The roof of the northern section of the garage facing Highway No 87 was being raised 75 meters. A soccer game in the billeting area on 15 August 1950 was witnessed by about three companies which seemed to be most troops stationed in the barracks. Most of the soldiers were recruits. [REDACTED]

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* [REDACTED] Comment. The information does not show any change since the last report of 13 July 1950 by [REDACTED]

** [REDACTED] Comment. The situation is the same as on 30 June 1950 when [REDACTED] reported. [REDACTED]

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*** [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt of the 8th Gds Mecz Div.

The regiment had previously been assumed to be stationed in Leisnig. However, reports received in the summer of 1949 mentioned [REDACTED] SP guns which indicated that the regiment might be stationed in the Heiterblick Kaserne, Taucha. Information obtained in late July and early August 1950 bears out the possibility that the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt may be stationed in Taucha.

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